(*b*) whether it is a fact that it is intended to add to the income of the village panchayat by allowing the trees to be rented and tapped;

(*c*) (i) whether it is a fact that the Vice-President of the Kadur District Board has drawn the attention of the Government through his diary to put an end to such schemes; (ii) if the answer is in the affirmative, what is the action that the Government have taken in the direction?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT** (**Mr. P. H. Krishna Rao**).

(*a*) About 100 bagani trees have been planted.

(*b*) To what use they will be put, will have to be decided 12 or 15 years hence when alone they will be fit for tapping.

(*c*) (i) Yes.

(ii) No action was called for.

Mr. B. P. BASAPPA SETTY.—What was the object of planting bagani trees and what is the use derivable from them?

Mr. P. H. KRISHNA RAO.—The trees have been planted by the village panchayat. And as regards the use, it is a question for the future.

Mr. B. P. BASAPPA SETTY.—Do the Government know that toddy is tapped from the bagani trees and that therefore the object of the panchayat in planting these trees might be to derive excise revenue?

Mr. P. H. KRISHNA RAO.—Toddy is tapped from bagani trees. But I do not know whether it is with the object of deriving excise revenue that they planted them in Hariharpur. They must have done it just as they planted many other kinds of plants.

Mr. B. P. BASAPPA SETTY.—At a time when prohibition is being urged everywhere, is it desirable to encourage panchayats to grow bagani trees?

Mr. PRESIDENT.—I can appreciate your point of view. We will see what can be done in the matter. I may, however, add that bagani is a very useful and handsome tree.

Mr. T. MARIYAPPA.—Instead of encouraging the planting of bagani trees, why should not the Government encourage the growing of tamarind and other fruit-bearing trees?

Mr. P. H. KRISHNA RAO.—That is also being done.

The SECOND MEMBER (**Rajamantrapravina N. Madhava Rau**).—We are supplying seeds and seedlings free of cost.

Mr. T. MARIYAPPA.—But the planting of bagani trees naturally rouses suspicion in our minds. Will the Government appreciate this point?

Mr. N. MADHAVA RAU.—Yes, but I may say that Government are also surrendering for cultivation date groves in a number of cases.

Mr. Y. V. MUNISWAMI IYER.—Have the Government received any representations from users of toddy that bagani trees should not be planted?

Mr. N. MADHAVA RAU.—No.

Water Supply to Chikmagalur Town.

Q.—34. **Messrs. B. P. BASAPPA SETTY**, Chikmagalur Taluk, and **K. MALLE GOWDA**, Mudgere Taluk.—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) if they are aware of the fact that scarcity of drinking water is being keenly felt in Chikmagalur Town;

(*b*) whether they have sanctioned any scheme to supply adequate quantity of water;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that they have sunk a curb well which is a failure;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that they intend to divert the channel water to the well and from there pump water to the town?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT** (**Mr. P. H. Krishna Rao**).

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question is under correspondence between Government, the Municipal Council, the Chief Engineer and the Director of Public Health.

(*c*) A curb well is sunk and is reported to be successful.

(*d*) Government have received no such proposal.

Mr. B. P. BASAPPA SETTY.—With reference to answer (*b*), will the Government please explain why there is so much delay in settling this question?

Mr. PRESIDENT.—Government know that there has been much delay in this matter. They will expedite the scheme as far as possible.

Mr. B. P. BASAPPA SETTY.—Do the Government know that the curb well which was sunk as an alternative scheme has proved a failure?

Mr. P. H. KRISHNA RAO.—The report received by Government says that the experiment has been successful.

Mr. B. P. BASAPPA SETTY.—Are the Government aware that the well has been sunk by the side of the stream and water from the stream is diverted into it and that the Director of Health who inspected the well has certified that the water is unhealthy and unsuitable for drinking purposes?

Mr. P. H. KRISHNA RAO.—No.

Mr. B. P. BASAPPA SETTY.—How long will the Government take to dispose of this question?

Mr. P. H. KRISHNA RAO.—If possible, within a month or two

Police-firing in Bangalore in October 1937.

Q.—37. **Messrs. T. C. BASAPPA,** Tarikere Taluk, and **T. V. NARASINGAPPA,** Tarikere Municipality.—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Magistrate present was not on the spot when the Police opened fire in October 1937 in Bangalore;

(*b*) whether his permission was obtained before opening fire;

(*c*) in the absence of such permission, what punishment has been inflicted upon the officer who allowed the opening of fire?

A.—**The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. H. V. Ramasvami).**

(*a*) No.

(*b*) No. Opened in self-defence.

(*c*) For answer please *vide* reply to sub-section (*b*); No punishment is called for in cases of self-defence.

Mr. T. C. BASAPPA.—Was either the District Magistrate or the City Magistrate present at the spot when fire was opened?

Mr. H. V. RAMASVAMI.—No.

Mr. T. C. BASAPPA.—Was any of those two officers present at the spot just before the fire was opened?

Mr. H. V. RAMASVAMI.—No.

Mr. T. C. BASAPPA.—Where had both these officers gone while shooting was going on?

Mr. H. V. RAMASVAMI.—They had gone elsewhere.

Mr. T. C. BASAPPA.—Was fire opened under the orders of any magistrate?

Mr. H. V. RAMASVAMI.—Please see the printed answer to the question.

Mr. T. C. BASAPPA.—What were the circumstances which necessitated the opening of fire?

Mr. H. V. RAMASVAMI.—The circumstances have been detailed in the press communique issued by the Government.

Mr. T. C. BASAPPA.—Had any of the policemen or officers received any injuries before the shooting took place?

Mr. H. V. RAMASVAMI.—That question also has been dealt with in the press communique.

Mr. T. C. BASAPPA.—Have the Government satisfied themselves that fire was opened in self-defence?

Mr. H. V. RAMASVAMI.—Yes.

Mr. T. C. BASAPPA.—Is it a fact that the police caused needless trouble and harassment to the public?

Mr. H. V. RAMASVAMI.—No.

Mr. T. C. BASAPPA.—On whose report are the Government depending in stating that fire was opened in self-defence?

Mr. H. V. RAMASVAMI.—On the report of the local officers who were on the spot and also on verification of the facts reported.

Mr. T. C. BASAPPA.—Has the District Magistrate made any report to the Government on this question?

Mr. H. V. RAMASVAMI.—Yes.

Mr. T. C. BASAPPA.—Since he himself was not present on the spot when fire was opened, on whose report did he base his own report to the Government?

Mr. H. V. RAMASVAMI.—On the report of the subordinate officers who were present.

Mr. T. C. BASAPPA.—Who were they?